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Hello Kentucky Society Compatriots,

I hope all has been well with you and your families. As we are coming upon the first day of summer the activity within our society is getting hot! Our chapters across Kentucky are honoring patriots with grave markings, marching in parades and getting active with our countries 250th anniversary projects. This is great to see, and I can only say keep up the good work! We all have a lot of work ahead of us. There is not a better time to reach out to your chapters leadership and say you want to help. For our more active members, you are an inspiration. I see compatriots not only working their own chapter projects but traveling to other areas of Kentucky to help where they can and help make other chapters successful as they carry out the SAR mission. Folks, this is what it is all about.



At a state level, we have our KYSSAR summer meeting coming up on August 17th. A lot of work is going into the entire weekend to make it a memorable experience as we carry out our state business and honor those patriots that fought and died at the Battle of Blue Licks. Check out the Blue Licks tab on our KYSSAR website ([kyssar.org](http://kyssar.org)) for all that is available to do this weekend. We need you to sign up for the events you are interested in attending so proper plans can be made. We have also set a date for our Fall KYSSAR State meeting on November 16th in Elizabethtown Kentucky. Please mark your calendars for these events as we would love to see you there. Remember, we exist as a society because of you, we get better because of the work you do within that society. Stay safe and I hope to see you down the road!

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## The Kentucky Pioneer

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# Editor's Note



More than two centuries later, the Declaration of Independence remains a monumental testament to the aspirations of a nascent nation yearning for self-determination and freedom. Today, its principles continue to resonate, offering guidance and inspiration not only to Americans but to those who seek freedom worldwide. In an era that barely resembles the one we knew as children, the Declaration's assertion of fundamental human rights and governance by consent retains profound relevance.

At the heart of the Declaration lies the assertion that "all men are created equal," endowed with "unalienable Rights," among which are "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." This powerful articulation of inherent human dignity forms the bedrock of modern democratic societies. These principles provide an eternal moral compass for our nation, addressing contemporary issues as they emerge.

In the realm of civil discourse, the Declaration's articulation of a collective aspiration for a just society provides a framework for navigating ideological differences. The contemporary political landscape is often characterized by polarization and divisive rhetoric. Yet, the Declaration reminds us of the shared values that underpin our social contract. Its vision of a society where governance is rooted in the common good can serve as a foundation for constructive dialogue and mutual respect, fostering a more cohesive and resilient polity.

Moreover, the Declaration's preamble speaks to the importance of a shared narrative and collective identity. "We hold these truths to be self-evident," it begins, asserting a common understanding and commitment to fundamental principles. In today's diverse and pluralistic societies, the quest for a cohesive national identity is ongoing. The Declaration's language of unity and shared purpose provides a model for cultivating a sense of belonging and collective responsibility, essential for social harmony and progress. For we are a nation not built upon ethnicity, language or even religion, but bound only by shared philosophy and the rule of law.

In the educational sphere, the Declaration continues to be a vital tool for civic education, instilling in young minds the values of liberty, equality, and justice. It encourages critical thinking about the role of government and the rights of individuals, fostering an informed and engaged citizenry.

The Declaration of Independence, while a product of its time, embodies universal principles that remain strikingly relevant in the modern world. Its enduring legacy lies in its powerful affirmation of human dignity, individual rights, and the foundational tenet of government by consent. As we navigate the challenges of the 21st century, the Declaration's vision of a just and equitable society continues to inspire and guide us, reaffirming its place as a cornerstone of democratic ideals and human aspiration.

As Independence Day rapidly approaches, let us enjoy the parades, picnics and pyrotechnics, but let us never forget the important document we celebrate, which forged a great nation that has stood the test of time!

*Tommy Druen*

# Member Profile

## David W. H. Cartmell



**Mayor David Cartmell**  
**Former Kentucky Society President**

Balancing a community's historic character and the demands of modernization can be a challenge. But it's a challenge that David Cartmell has faced head on for decades.

A love of Maysville and an interest in public service was in David's blood, though. It may not be infrequent to find second, or sometimes even third, generation elected officials in the same office, David Cartmell holds the likely distinction of being the only person to follow his mother and grandmother's footsteps into office! Elected in 1950, Rebekah Hord was the first woman to serve as mayor of a city in Kentucky. Her daughter, Harriet Cartmell would serve in that same capacity in 1986, with David being elected Mayor of Maysville in 1998, beginning a 20 year tenure in the position. All told, the three generations stood at the helm of Maysville for 36 years!

David's legacy with Maysville and Mason County goes far beyond those three generations, however. In fact, his family was among Kentucky's earliest pioneers. While Simon Kenton founded the town that would become known as Maysville in 1784, David's 5th great-grandfather, Jesse Hord, would settle about 10 miles away on Mill Creek two years later. Jesse had served as officer in the Virginia Militia during the Revolutionary War.

It was another connection that would lead David to joining the SAR, however. As a young man, he found himself with the opportunity to work as a driver for Stanley Forman Reed, a fellow Mason County native who had served as Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States, the last Kentuckian to sit in such a position. "Working for Justice Reed began my real interest in both politics and hereditary organizations," said Cartmell. "Justice Reed was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati, while Mrs. Reed was Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution."

At the ripe age of 23, David became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and was promptly made President of the George Mason Chapter. It was just another of the ways he would be involved with the Maysville community. He was the publisher and editor of Mirror Newspapers, which produced semi-weekly editions for eight counties in Kentucky and Southern Ohio. For seven years, he owned and operated the Augusta Ferry. And he was involved with the industry that helped build Maysville, both as a tobacco warehouseman and President of the Maysville Tobacco Board of Trade.

In 1998, David answered the call to public service demonstrated by his mother and grandmother and campaigned for Mayor of Maysville, wanting to help rehabilitate the historic town that, like many historic river communities, had been suffering from population decline. He was successful in his initial bid for the office.

# Member Profile

For the next twenty years of his mayoral tenure, Maysville would buck the trend and see its population actually increase. Much of that was due to how the city, and its mayor, embraced the community's history and made it a focal point. "Our town is proud of its history and celebrates it annually with the Simon Kenton Festival, as well as other events," said Cartmell. "With the opening of the Pogue Distillery, our added attractions have increased. While mayor, our city received grants to bury utility lines, rebrick our downtown streets and make significant upgrades to the Old Washington Historic District."

At the same time, David's involvement in the SAR would increase as well, culminating with his service as President of the Kentucky Society in 2008-2009, and as the National Trustee representing Kentucky for the next two years. Naturally, he found ways to integrate the two.

"The SAR has played a prominent role in preserving our history with grave markings and traditional patriotic celebrations," said Cartmell. "We also sponsored a state highway marker for Civil War Medal of Honor winner John S. Darrow.



**David playing taps at the 2024 Maysville Memorial Day Service**

Understanding the positive roles that both history and tourism can play for a community, Cartmell was quick to also point out that Maysville is home to the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center, which features one of the best collections of miniatures in the world.

While his tenure as mayor ended in 2018, it's difficult to keep a person with so much love for his community away. In 2020, Cartmell would return to public life in a part-time role, as the citizens of Maysville elected him to the City Commission, where he has been serving ever since. His talents are not only known by those in Maysville though, as in 2022 he was chosen by his peers across the Commonwealth to serve on the Board of Commissioners for the Kentucky League of Cities.

**Historic Maysville and David Cartmell . . . it's become impossible to think about one without the other.**

## Old Washington

When in the Maysville area, be sure to visit the Old Washington neighborhood. Founded in 1786, Washington would quickly become the second largest "city" in Kentucky.

By 1792, Washington would boast 119 cabins, 20 mercantile houses, 2 taverns, 10 mechanics shops, 3 rope walks, and 3 churches.

Today, visitors can tour the community and its historic buildings.

# State Society News



## New Members!



Captain Virgil McCracken

James Samuel Freeman

Allen Neal Hazelrigg

Jacob Ryan Hazelrigg

Joshua Tyler Hazelrigg

Scott Allan Hazelrigg

Robert Laurence Lindberg

Colonel Benjamin Logan

Adam Kenneth Ellison

Governor Isaac Shelby

Timothy James Pifer

William David Sarpas

Lafayette

William Roger Curd

David Chandler Hart

Logan King Hart

William Campbell Hart

Lt. Robert Moseley

Timothy Eugene Fletcher

Louisville Thruston

Joseph Ballard Lewis

Patrick Anderson Lewis

William Prescott Schuhmann

Simon Kenton

Christopher Paul Gillespie

Michael Steven Gillespie

Sean Lawrence Gillespie

Steven Paul Gillespie



## Good Citizenship

On May 26th, at the home of patriot George Mason in Northern Virginia, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution presented Enes Kanter with the Gold Good Citizenship Medal.

Recently retired, Mr. Kanter spent over a decade playing in the NBA. While a talented basketball player, he has used his celebrity status to advocate for human rights around the globe, even earning a nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2022.

In a connection to the Commonwealth, you may remember that Mr. Kanter, a native of Turkey, signed a letter of intent to play at the University of Kentucky prior to the NCAA ruling him ineligible due to time spent playing on a European team.

# State Society News

## Kentucky Legislature Helps Fund SAR Museum

In the waning days of the 2024 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, the leadership of the National Society of the SAR were waiting with bated breath, seeing if the legislature would assist in funding the proposed SAR Museum and Education Center.

The process had started in the summer of 2023, with a conversation between the National Society's Executive Director and Kentucky compatriot Tommy Druen. Compatriot Druen works for the Kentucky House of Representatives and thought that State Representative Jason Nemes (R-Louisville) would be interested in learning more about the SAR's library and proposed museum. The two took a tour, which led to conversations with Phil Bloyd, SAR Foundation Development Director. Representative Nemes was impressed and knew he was seeing the best-kept secret in Louisville. He committed himself to leading the effort to gain state funding.



**Artistic rendition of the future SAR Museum and Education Center, located in Louisville.**

Later that fall, Bloyd and Druen were joined by SAR Foundation members William Lee Popham and Samuel Powell. As they met with key legislators, they received a warm response and excitement about the museum project. They were encouraged to submit a detailed proposal and request.

Throughout the legislative session, Representative Nemes, who also serves as the House Majority Whip, cultivated support among his fellow legislators, especially Representative Kevin Bratcher (R-Louisville),

who had recently had his application to join the SAR approved. As the end of the session approached though, there still was no firm commitment that the funding would be approved.

Finally, as the budget emerged from conference committee and was set to be voted upon, word came through. The budget conference committee had approved a \$5 million allocation for the SAR Museum and Education Center. The full House and Senate voted in favor of the budget and, after overriding the Governor's line item vetoes on other parts of the bill, the budget was enrolled with the Secretary of State and became law.

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# State Society News

## Kentucky Legislature Helps Fund SAR Museum

SAR President General John Dodd remarked, “I would like to express our profound gratitude to the members of the Kentucky General Assembly for their support and commitment to this transformative project.” Dodd added, “In particular, I extend special thanks to State Representative Jason Nemes of Louisville for his outstanding leadership as he championed this project. Representative Nemes became aware of the project this past summer and immediately went to work to make this investment a reality. His dedication and passion have been instrumental in securing this vital funding, and we are deeply grateful for his steadfast partnership.”

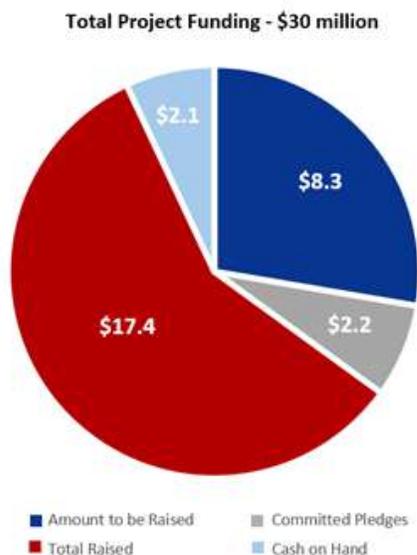
Representative Nemes said he felt compelled to support the museum because "it will highlight the roles of men, women and children, as well as the diversity in culture, religion and race of those who helped achieve our independence. It will focus on what unites us as Americans."

The NSSAR has raised and committed \$21.7 million and will raise another \$8.3 million for a total fundraising goal of \$30 million to complete the Education Center and Museum.

The influx of this investment by the Commonwealth of Kentucky should enable the project to be open to the public by 2026, just in time for our nation’s sescentennial celebration.



**Representative Jason Nemes  
(R-Louisville)**



# State Society News

## Harrodsburg Sestercentennial

As our nation's 250th Anniversary rapidly approaches, it is also a time to remember that the history of Kentucky predates the Declaration of Independence. Colonel James Harrod led a party of 31 men down the Ohio River in canoes, then went inland to where he would eventually found and plan Harrodstown on June 16, 1774. Later renamed Harrodsburg, it is the oldest permanent town west of the Appalachian Mountains.

On June 8, as part of the Harrodsburg Sestercentennial celebration, SAR compatriots from across the Commonwealth as well as from Indiana and Ohio converged on Fort Harrod to help the Col. James Harrod Chapter dedicate a SAR Memorial at the fort, conduct a 5-patriot grave marking service, and walk in the Harrodsburg 250th Anniversary Parade.



# State Society News

## Logan's Fort School Day

On May 17th, SAR compatriots braved the rain and ventured to Stanford, Kentucky to participate in the annual School Day at Logan's Fort. Chapters represented were Captain Charles Gatliff, Colonel Daniel Boone, Governor Isaac Shelby, Lafayette, Lt. Robert Moseley and Simon Kenton.



**Kentucky Society Vice-President Richard Quire speaks to two students about frontier life.**



**Compatriot Robert Brooks demonstrating wares.**



**Compatriot Kris Hawkins and Shelly Graves attract interested listeners with a horse.**



**Compatriot Don Drewry and his wife, Esther, find a dry spot for their musical demonstration.**

# State Society News



## **Battle of Blue Licks Weekend August 16-18, 2024**

**Friday Aug 16, 2024 – Night Before Blue Licks Dinner, Speaker, and Trivia – Kentucky Society SAR – Blue Licks Battlefield State Park**

**Saturday Aug 17, 2024 - Memorial Service for the 242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks – Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter – KYSSAR – Blue Licks Battlefield State Park**

**Saturday Aug 17, 2024 – Kentucky Society Lunch – Kentucky Society SAR - Blue Licks Battlefield State Park**

**Saturday Aug 17, 2024 - Kentucky Society Summer Meeting – Kentucky Society SAR - Blue Licks Battlefield State Park**

**Sunday Aug 18, 2024 – Five Patriot Grave Marking – Lafayette Chapter – KYSSAR – Lexington Cemetery**

**Event Information, Registration, and Contact Information is being added to the Kentucky Society Website and Calendar. Please check back regularly.**

**Please visit:**

**[www.kyssar.org](http://www.kyssar.org)**

**Click On**

**BATTLE OF BLUE LICKS WEEKEND**

# State Society News

## America's 250 Report

### 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Recognition Program



The recognition program is designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters and societies that participate in local, state, national and international events which publicly educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution.

Participation involves the planning and execution of these events, as well as attendance. The medal covers any event celebrating and promoting the 250th Anniversary. This therefore will cover any public events celebrating and promoting the 250th Anniversary in the period from 2014 to 2033. Forms may be submitted for multiple years. Scorekeeping is the responsibility of each compatriot and awarding authority. The awarding authority for each medal is as follows. The Bronze Medal is authorized and recorded by the local chapter. The Silver Medal is Authorized and recorded by the state society. The Gold Medal only is authorized and recorded by the NSSAR 250th Anniversary Committee. Requirements for earning these medals can be found at <https://america250sar.org> and scrolling down on the left side to the box 250th Anniversary Medals & Awards.



Bronze 250<sup>th</sup>

Silver 250<sup>th</sup>

Gold 250<sup>th</sup>

*Compatriot Patrick McMurchie chairs the Kentucky Society's America 250th Committee. He is a resident of La Grange, Kentucky and serves as 1st Vice President of the Louisville Thruston Chapter.*

# State Society News

## Color Guard Report

At the Spring Kentucky Society meeting in March, the membership decided to let the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter handle the production, sales, and distribution of the Kentucky Rifleman Pin. In May, the Chapter established the following criteria based on directions from the KYSSAR Color Guard.

Individuals who meet the criteria below can purchase pins by contacting Scott Giltner (stgilt@earthlink.net) or John Doss (jaydoss410@gmail.com). Pins are \$12.00 plus \$5.00 shipping if mailed.



### Kentucky Rifleman Pin Criteria

- 1. Safety Training:** Complete the flintlock firearm training program provided by the Kentucky Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. This training must be supervised by the safety officer of the Kentucky Society or designated representatives.
- 2. Proficiency Demonstration:** Participate in a SAR event within Kentucky and demonstrate safe handling, loading, and blank firing of a flintlock firearm under the direct observation of the safety officer or designated representatives. The observer for this step does not need to be the same person who provided the safety training.
- 3. Training Completion Notification:** After completing steps 1 and 2, the safety officer or their representatives must notify the president and secretary of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter in writing. This notification should include the individual's name, completion dates, locations, and the names of the safety officers or representatives responsible.
- 4. Pin Purchase:** Once training is confirmed, the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter will offer the individual the opportunity to purchase the Kentucky Rifleman pin. The price will be set by the Chapter. Additional packaging and shipping fees will apply if the pin is mailed.
- 5. Retroactive Training:** Training completed after March 1, 2015, may count towards these criteria if written notification from the trainer is provided as specified in step 3.



Patrick Wesolosky  
Color Guard  
Committee  
Chairman

# State Society News

## George Rogers Clark Memorial



On May 25th, members of the Kentucky Society ventured north to Vincennes, Indiana to pay tribute to General George Rogers Clark.

Pictured left to right are **Will McGinnis, Tim Brown, Jim Stinnet, Chris Canine, Steve Gahafer, Jay Doss, Scott Giltner, Patrick Wesolosky, Shepard Quire** and **Richard Quire.**



## Madison County Plaque Dedication

The Madison County Historical Society dedicated a plaque to those interred within its borders who fought during the Revolutionary War. SAR members were on hand to provide a Color Guard for the ceremony on April 20th. The plaque is located at Irvine-McDowell Park in Richmond.



# Information

## National Congress

The 134th Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will take place from July 10-16 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The official hotel for the Congress is the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square. This landmark hotel is located in Downtown Lancaster and beautifully integrated with a world-class convention center.

Just steps away in Downtown Lancaster, guests can explore over 90 art galleries, a burgeoning food scene, shopping, and historic landmarks including one of the largest National Historic Register Districts in the country.

Visit the Pennsylvania Society's website at [www.passar.org](http://www.passar.org) to learn more about Lancaster and the Congress.



## INSIDE *The* ARMORY



The Charleville musket was a .69 caliber standard French infantry musket used in the 18th and 19th centuries. It was made in 1717 and was last produced during the 1840s.

Charleville muskets had a smoothbore barrel and were favored by military commanders despite being less accurate than rifles, due to ease of loading and effectiveness in battlefield conditions obscured by smoke. They had a 0.69-inch caliber barrel, smaller than the British Brown Bess, to reduce weight while maintaining effectiveness. Charleville muskets were used for firing volleys in formation and by skirmishers for individual fire. The musket's stock was typically walnut, and it featured a flintlock mechanism. Its design included three barrel bands for sturdiness and a stock shaped for use as a club. Soldiers could fire about three shots per minute. The musket doubled as a polearm with a bayonet, essential for defense against cavalry and in close combat.

Large numbers of Charleville Model 1763 and 1766 muskets were imported into the United States from France during the American War of Independence, largely due to Marquis de Lafayette's influence. The Charleville 1766 heavily influenced the design of the 1795 Springfield Musket. The Model 1766 and 1777 were also used by the French in the American Revolutionary War.

# Service to Veterans News



**Richard L. Quire**  
**Major, U.S. Army (Ret)**  
**Committee Chairman**

As any active SAR member knows, part of the pomp and circumstance of a PGMS is the presentation and posting of the colors at the beginning. Oftentimes, SAR, DAR, and any other able bodied attendees are

asked if they would carry a flag. More often than not, not all the flags available have carriers and so, some of the historic yet lower in precedence flags don't make the show.

With a quick query to the state color guard commander, it was determined that the SAR could have thirty flags on hand. The committee asked if the KYNG would be able to muster thirty Soldiers to carry them. They responded that they could. A second offer was made to add the unit's battalion colors to the flag line up, making thirty one. The unit gladly accepted.

On the day of the event, the guardsmen mustered early for the normal walkthrough. Also mustering was the KYSSAR Color Guard Rifle Escort. Before and after the rehearsal the SAR members and KYNG Soldiers mingled, swapped stories, and discussed the SAR and why they do what we do. Soldiers, conditioned to have an eye for detail, asked questions about the weapons, uniforms, and accouterments.

During the service, the rear half of the seating area was lost in a sea of camouflage. These young Americans decided to hang around and see how the SAR honors American Patriots. After the event, many expressed interest in how to join the SAR. Best of all, the chapter has several connections with these modern day patriots and looks forward to a permanent connection to facilitate serving these current veterans as well as adding some of them to the SAR compatriot role.

## Service to Veterans Committee

As chapters are always looking to provide services to veterans, the Colonel James Harrod Chapter took advantage of an opportunity to introduce themselves to and partner with a Kentucky National Guard (KYNG) unit.

In the lead up to their June 8th SAR Memorial Dedication and Patriot Grave Marking Service (PGMS) at Fort Harrod, the chapter's memorial planning committee received an email from the local KYNG unit. In it, they expressed an interest in participating in the service. Always looking to expand the chapter's footprint in Mercer and the surrounding counties, the committee offered the KYNG a prominent role.



*Richard*

# Service to Veterans News



## Armed to Farm

The National Center for Appropriate Technology, The Berry Center, University of Kentucky, and Kentucky State University to host an Armed to Farm training in Frankfort. Veterans who want to attend the week-long training can apply online now.

Armed to Farm trainings include an engaging blend of farm tours, hands-on activities, and interactive classroom instruction. NCAT Sustainable Agriculture specialists will lead the training sessions. Additional contributors will include staff from USDA agencies plus experienced crop and livestock producers.

This training is for veterans in the Southeast/Appalachian regions, with priority given to Kentucky residents. Those interested can apply at [www.armedtofarm.org/apply](http://www.armedtofarm.org/apply).

## Upcoming Vet Fest Dates

The VA is hosting VetFest events to inform Veterans and their families, caregivers, and survivors about the PACT Act and help them access the health care and benefits they've earned.

Attendees will have the opportunity to:

- Meet VA representatives: Talk to VA health care and benefits professionals who can answer your questions about how the PACT Act impacts your eligibility and help you navigate the application process.
- Apply for benefits: Get assistance with filing for PACT Act-related benefits, submitting an intent to file, or enrolling in VA health care.
- Toxic exposure screenings: Receive a screening by VA staff to determine if you may be eligible for benefits due to toxic exposure.



**Come out and learn what VA can do for you!**

### Kentucky Dates

- June 26th - 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. ET, Highland Heights: Event at Northern Kentucky University
- July 10th - 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. ET, Lawrenceburg: Event at Lawrenceburg Speedway
- July 23rd 5 – 6 p.m. MT, Highland Heights: Event at Northern Kentucky University

# State Society News

## Kentucky History Day

The Kentucky Historical Society sponsored a “Kentucky History Day” on June 1st, in commemoration the 232nd anniversary of our statehood. The Sons of the American Revolution were invited to participate and members met with guests on the lawn of the Old State Capitol in Frankfort to help demonstrate and speak about the experiences of the Revolutionary Era in Kentucky. The event also received media coverage from WKYT (Lexington), featuring an interview with Compatriot Reed Martin.



**Compatriot Reed Martin speaks with visitors.**



**Compatriots Kent Hathaway and Jay Doss, demonstrating an encampment.**



**Left: Kimberly and Shepard Quire find some shade.**



**Right: Melvin and Vivian Rowe are ready to cook the evening's dinner.**

# Across the Commonwealth

## Filson Historical Society Events

The Filson Historical Society, headquartered in Louisville, is sponsoring two upcoming events that may be of interest to SAR members.

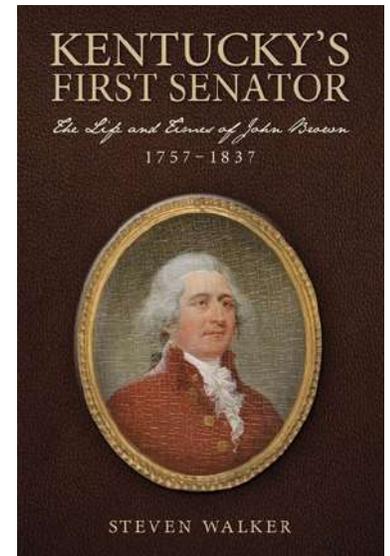


On June 20th, there will be two separate screenings of *The Shot Heard 'Round the World*, a film chronicles the settlement of the American Colonies, the formation of colonial governments, and the tension that resulted from the economic strain on Great Britain for its prosecution of the Seven Years War with France.

1st Showing: 4:00-6:00 pm  
Reception from 5:45-6:45 pm  
2nd Showing: 6:30-8:30 pm

Falls of the Ohio State Park  
201 West Riverside Drive  
Clarksville, Indiana

As the thirteen colonies struggled for independence and wrestled with concepts of republican government, the times made many men. Those beyond the mountains, in the burgeoning American west, faced additional challenges as they strove to secure their place in the new nation. From this crucible emerged John Brown, a man whose natural reserve belied a deep and abiding devotion to his country and its citizens.



Author Steven Walker will be speaking about the life of John Brown and his biography at 6:00 PM on July 2nd at Oxmoor Farm.

Visit [filsonhistorical.org](http://filsonhistorical.org) to register.

Congratulations to Tim Brown, Immediate Past President of the Kentucky Society, for being named the National Alumnus of the Year by the Boy Scouts of America!

Compatriot Brown has dedicated uncountable time and energy to furthering the goals of scouting throughout his life.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S  
NATIONAL ALUMNUS  
OF THE YEAR

**TIM**

*Brown*

# Across the Nation

## Barracks Found in Williamsburg

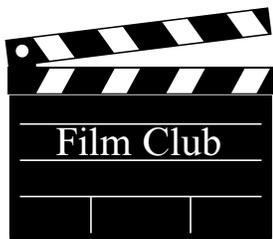
In a remarkable archaeological find, remnants of Revolutionary War barracks burned by British forces have been unearthed in Colonial Williamsburg. The discovery was made during a routine construction project, leading to an unexpected and significant revelation about America's fight for independence. Colonial Williamsburg archaeologists, who were surveying the area ahead of new developments, uncovered charred wood, military artifacts, and other remnants that date back to the late 18th century.

These barracks, now identified as military quarters used by Continental Army soldiers, were strategically burned by British troops in 1781 as they retreated from the advancing American forces. This tactic was intended to deny the enemy valuable resources and infrastructure. Among the artifacts discovered are uniform parts, buttons, and tools, which provide a vivid snapshot of the daily lives and hardships faced by the soldiers who occupied these barracks.

The find corroborates historical accounts of the British Army's scorched-earth policy during their retreat and adds tangible evidence to the narrative of the Revolutionary War. Colonial Williamsburg's archaeologists are meticulously documenting the site and preserving the artifacts to gain deeper insights into the strategies and conditions of the era.



Artist rendition of what the barracks may have looked like when built.



## Something to Stand For

Mike Rowe, one of America's favorite storytellers best known for hosting *Dirty Jobs*, has made a movie that will take viewers on a captivating journey through the Washington, D.C. area. Based on his popular podcast, this film delves into pivotal moments in American history, from the Revolutionary War to the Civil Rights movement. Each story, a blend of mystery and history, reveals untold tales of the patriots who shaped our nation. Featuring legendary figures of names known as founding fathers and heroes whose names are not commonplace, such as the Marines of Iwo Jima, this cinematic experience celebrates the brave individuals who risked everything for the country we love and honor.

The movie will premier in theaters on June 27th.



# Across the Nation



**Central District**  
IN, KY, OH, WV



## *Annual Meeting*

**19 October 2024**

Lawrenceburg, IN

### Key Events

- Business Meeting
- Ladies Program
- Lunch
- Patriot Grave Marking (5 Patriots)
- Evening Dinner

Full Details & Reservation Information to follow. Keep up to date at the Central District Website: [WWW.CDSAR.ORG](http://WWW.CDSAR.ORG)

### **Dinner Guest Speaker** **Joshua Shepherd**



Joshua Shepherd, a sculptor, and freelance writer, has created over 20 public monuments. His articles, with a special focus on Revolutionary and frontier America, have appeared in publications including *MHQ: The Quarterly Journal of Military History*, *Military Heritage*, *Muzzle Blasts*, and *The Artilleryman*. He lives in rural Indiana with his wife and three children.

# Revolutionary Kentuckians

## SAMUEL MCDOWELL

Samuel McDowell, a luminary of early American jurisprudence and a pivotal figure in the establishment of Kentucky's governance, was born on October 29, 1735, in Pennsylvania. His life, spanning the transformative years of the American Revolution and the nascent period of Kentucky's statehood, epitomizes the blend of military valor, legal acumen, and civic dedication that characterized many of the era's great leaders.

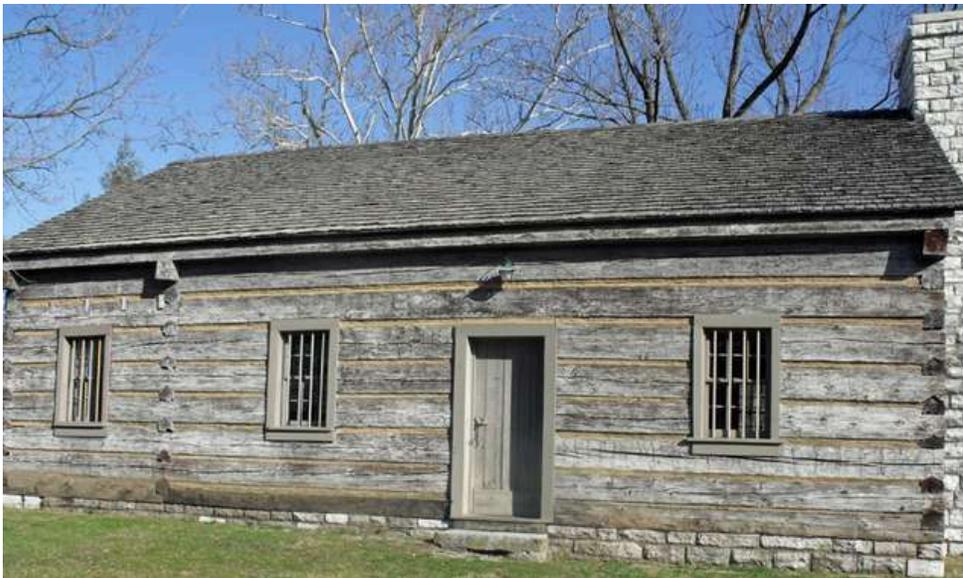
McDowell hailed from a family with deep roots in the early American frontier. His father, Captain John McDowell, and his mother, Magdalena Woods McDowell, came from a lineage notable for their resilience and pioneering spirit. The McDowell family relocated to Virginia in 1737 and achieved prominence in the region, which undoubtedly influenced Samuel's trajectory towards public service.

In 1754, McDowell married Mary McClung, and together they would have eleven children, many of whom would continue their father's legacy of public service. This period of his life was marked by his increasing involvement in local governance and military affairs, which set the stage for his later accomplishments.

McDowell's military service during the Revolutionary War cemented his reputation as a committed patriot. He first served with distinction as a Captain in the Virginia militia. Later, Colonel Isaac Shelby appointed him as his aide-de-camp. His leadership in several key battles underscored his strategic acumen and unwavering dedication to the cause of American independence. This period also highlighted his ability to inspire and lead men, a skill that would serve him well in his subsequent judicial career.



Portrait of Samuel McDowell



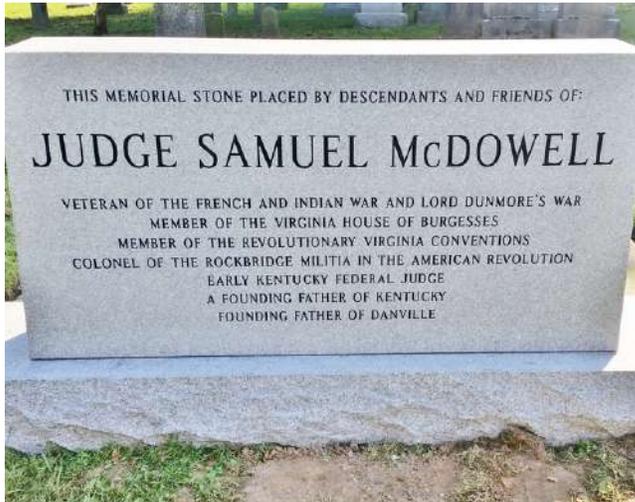
Following the war, McDowell transitioned from military to judicial service, recognizing the critical need for robust legal frameworks in the newly independent states. His legal career flourished in Virginia, where he served as a judge in the state's courts.

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**Replica of the District Courthouse, where Judge McDowell served, located at Constitution Square in Danville**

# Revolutionary Kentuckians

## SAMUEL MCDOWELL *cont.*



**Memorial stone for Judge McDowell at Bellevue Cemetery in Danville**

The late 18th century was a time of westward expansion and Kentucky, then a district of Virginia, beckoned to many seeking new opportunities. In 1775, McDowell had received a large land grant in Fayette County for his service in the war. In 1783, he relocated his family to the Bluegrass region. This move was not merely a quest for new beginnings but a calculated step towards shaping the legal and political structures of the burgeoning territory.

In Kentucky, McDowell's influence was immediate and profound. He was appointed as a judge of the District Court of Kentucky. His legal expertise and fair-minded judgments quickly earned him respect and solidified his reputation as a cornerstone of Kentucky's judicial system.

On the night of December 27, 1786, a group consisting of Harry Innes, Thomas Todd, John Brown, Christopher Greenup, John Belli, and Robert Craddock assembled at McDowell's residence and formed a debating society known as the Danville Political Club. McDowell continued to host meetings of the Club at his residence from time-to-time, and participated in its activities for its entire four-year existence. As the Club led the move towards statehood, McDowell presided over nine of the ten conventions that drafted the first Kentucky Constitution.

McDowell's later years were marked by continued public service and the respect of his peers. He passed away on September 25, 1817, leaving behind a legacy of legal integrity and civic leadership. His contributions to Kentucky's judicial and political foundations were instrumental in shaping the state's identity and governance.



Samuel McDowell is buried alongside his wife at the Bellevue Cemetery in downtown Danville. Among their children were two sons who served as Colonels in the War of 1812 and another who served as a federal judge. However, their child who would achieve most fame would be Dr. Ephraim McDowell, a founding father of abdominal surgery and whose statue stands representing Kentucky in the United States Capitol.

Samuel McDowell is remembered not only as a judge and patriot but as a visionary who helped lay the cornerstone of Kentucky's legal and civic institutions.

**Statue of Dr. Ephraim McDowell located at the United States Capitol**

# Affiliated Organizations

## C.A.R.



**Outgoing State President Leah Emberton receives a certificate and medal from SAR State President Steve McCain**

Kentucky Society Children of the American Revolution had a fun state conference on Mar. 15-16, 2024 in Elizabethtown. State President Leah Emberton led a fun-filled weekend that included board meetings, business session with election, tour of the Hardin County History Museum, and banquet with the Kentucky Chautauqua performance of Abraham Lincoln. We were honored to have the KYSSAR State President to bring greetings.

The 2024-2025 State President for Kentucky C.A.R. was installed at Mount Vernon on April 21st. He is Lucas Brothers and a student at Washington County High School and member of the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Society in Bardstown. He is doing a state project with the Mordecai Lincoln House near Springfield, so look forward to hearing more from Lucas about his project.



**State President Lucas Brothers honored his patriot ancestor at the Harrodsburg 250th Ceremony**



**Left: Members from the Jack Jouett, Martin's Fort and Thomas Nelson, Jr. societies were in attendance at the Harrodsburg 250th Ceremony.**

The Kentucky Society has a new senior state president and she is Mrs. Carrie Bowman. She is a member of the Corn Island Chapter DAR and a senior leader for the Jack Jouett Society C.A.R. Her appointment is for a two year term.



There are 15 C.A.R. chapters across Kentucky, as well as throughout the nation. Know someone under the age of 22 who would be interested in joining? Visit [www.nscar.org](http://www.nscar.org)!

# Chapter News

## BIG SANDY

The Big Sandy Chapter had its regular meeting on Saturday, June 8th. A portion of the meeting included a presentation by Asst. Chaplain **Aryn Merritt** entitled *"The Curse of Meroz: The Religious Causes That Lead To The American Revolution."*

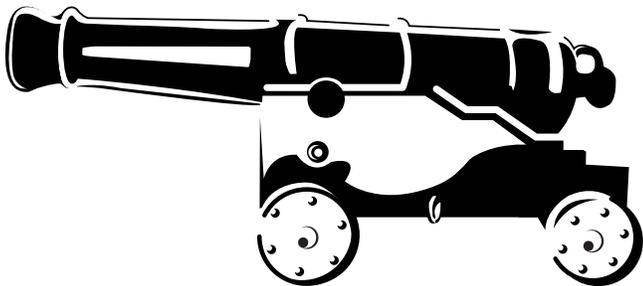


## CAPTAIN CHARLES GATLIFF

Dr. John Fox received the Patriot Certificate from the Captain Charles Gatliff Chapter. Dr. Fox has spent fifteen years locating the original Boone Trace and helping communities benefit from it. Dr. Fox, center, was presented the certificate by **Jimmy Schneider,**



**Don Crago, Mike Warren and David Etter.**



## CAPTAIN VIRGIL MCCRACKEN

On April 20th, the Captain Virgil McCracken Chapter hosted a patriot grave marking ceremony for brothers Elias and Vachel Lovelace, who settled in present-day Ballard County.

The ceremony brought together the SAR, the Paducah DAR, the George Rogers Clark CAR and Boy Scout Troop 200. Ms. Carolyn Milburn, a descendant of Elias, also participated in the ceremony.



## CAPTAIN WILLIAM PRINCE

Members of the Captain William Prince Chapter participated in the 2024 Blackford Veterans Walk of Honor Ceremony in Crittenden County by firing a salute as part of the event.



# Chapter News

## COLONEL BENJAMIN LOGAN

On June 6th, the Colonel Daniel Boone Chapter helped support The Wall That Heals, a traveling version of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which made a stop in Russellville, Kentucky.

Pictured are (l-r) Major General Jerry Humble and Major General Alan Youngman, who served as keynote speakers for the event.



## COLONEL DANIEL BOONE



On April 24th, the Colonel Daniel Boone Chapter sponsored the Coffman's Station School Day in Lawrenceburg. Coffman's Station was the original name of the community.

Over 350 students between the ages of 9 and 11 came and were able to learn about life during the Revolutionary Era.

## COLONEL JAMES HARROD



As part of the celebration of the founding of Harrodsburg 250 years ago, the Colonel James Harrod Chapter dedicated a monument at Old Fort Harrod State Park and honored the memory of five patriots: James Harrod, George Buchanan, Paul

Froman, William Poague, and Thomas Prather.

Immediately following this ceremony, the SAR marched in the 250th parade, honoring the City of Harrodsburg, the first permanent settlement in Kentucky.

## COLONEL JOHN HARDIN

The Colonel John Hardin Chapter recently presented JROTC medals and certificates to cadets at both Central Hardin and John Hardin High Schools.

Pictured is Chapter President **John Humphries** making the presentation to Cadet Nathaniel Powers, a student at John Hardin High School, located in Elizabethtown.



# Chapter News

## COLONEL STEPHEN TRIGG

On April 13th, the Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter hosted its 8th Annual Patriots Day Commemoration. Compatriots from Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio participated in the service to honor patriot soldiers in Western Kentucky.



## GENERAL RICHARD BUTLER

On April 30th, Chapter President **Donnie Webster** and Secretary **P.R. Webster** presented the outstanding JROTC Cadet Medal and certificate to Weston Blythe. Cadet Blythe is a student at Butler County High School in Morgantown, Kentucky.



## GEORGE MASON



Members of the George Mason Chapter participated in the annual Flag Day picnic held in Mays Lick, Kentucky. The chapter has jointly sponsored the event with the local DAR and CAR for several years now, culminating in a rich tradition of patriotic organizations working together.

## GOVERNOR ISAAC SHELBY



Judge-Executive Dan Ison (far right) issued a proclamation naming April 30, 2024 Sons of the American Revolution Day in Shelby County. Members of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter are pictured here with Judge Ison and the official proclamation.

# Chapter News

## LAFAYETTE

Lafayette Chapter ROTC/JROTC Chairman **Billy Webb**, retired Naval Engineer, spent much of the spring representing the chapter at different schools presenting awards to members of the ROTC and JROTC.

Pictured is Compatriot Webb presenting a certificate to a student at George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester, Kentucky.



## LIEUTENANT ROBERT MOSELEY



On May 21st, Compatriot **Spencer Brewer** was presented the Good Citizenship Medal in recognition of his being the 2023 recipient of the Kentucky Senior Volunteer Award. Since 2010, Spencer Brewer has produced a monthly senior program and dinner at White Plains Senior Citizens Center. Pictured with Compatriot Brewer is Chapter President **Bill DeHaven**.

## LOUISVILLE THRUSTON

At its annual Derby Lunch, the Louisville Thruston Chapter honored **Dan Klinck**. Recently turned 90 years old, Compatriot Klinck started the first Color Guard in Kentucky in 1996 and served as its commander for



twenty years. Additionally, he started the chapter's first newsletter, and served as its editor for seven years.

## SIMON KENTON

On June 1st, members of the Simon Kenton Chapter served as Color Guard for the commencement of Boone County's 225th Anniversary Celebration.

Following the ceremony, the chapter showcased a collection of colonial artifacts, presented a flag procession and two musket firing exhibitions.



# State Society News

## Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony



The Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter  
Kentucky Society

Sons of the American Revolution  
invites you to attend the Memorial Service for the  
**242<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks**

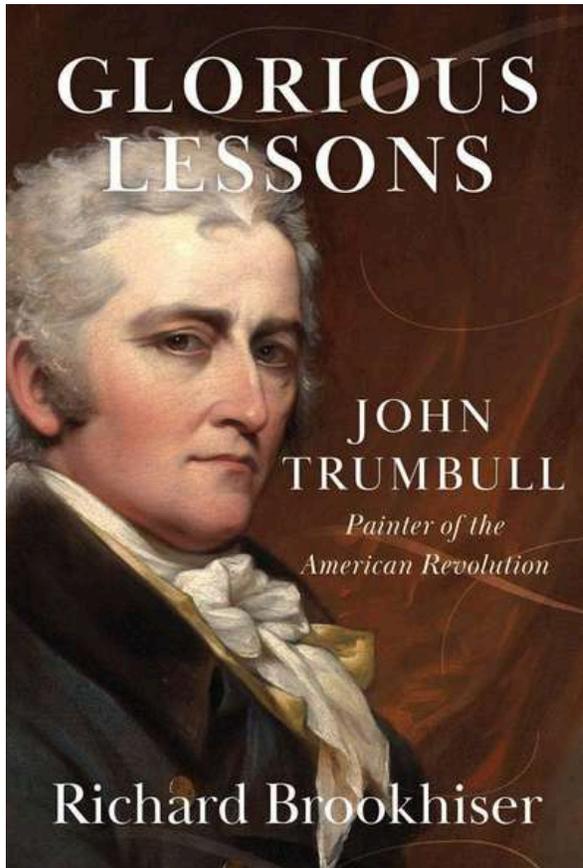
Saturday, 17 August, 2024 @ 10 a.m. EDT  
Blue Licks Battlefield State Park  
10299 Maysville Road, Carlisle, KY  
(*Color Guard muster at 9:00 a.m.*)

Join us in this National Color Guard  
event by presenting a wreath, carrying  
your state flag or participating in the  
flintlock gun salute.

Contact Scott Giltner – [stgilt@earthlink.net](mailto:stgilt@earthlink.net) to register.



# Bookshelf



## GLORIOUS LESSONS

*JOHN TRUMBULL, PAINTER OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION*

by Richard Brookhiser (Yale University Press), 276 pgs  
\$27.00 hardcover, \$25.65 ebook

John Trumbull (1756–1843) experienced the American Revolution firsthand—he served as aid to George Washington and Horatio Gates, was shot at, and was jailed as a spy. He made it his mission to record the war, giving visual form to what most citizens of the new United States thought: that they had brought into the world a great and unprecedented political experiment. His purpose, he wrote, was “to preserve and diffuse the memory of the noblest series of actions which have ever presented themselves in the history of man.” Although Trumbull’s contemporaries viewed him as a painter, Trumbull thought of himself as a historian.

Richard Brookhiser tells Trumbull’s story of acclaim and recognition, a story complicated by provincialism, war, a messy personal life, and, ultimately, changing fashion. He shows how the artist’s fifty-year project embodied the meaning of American

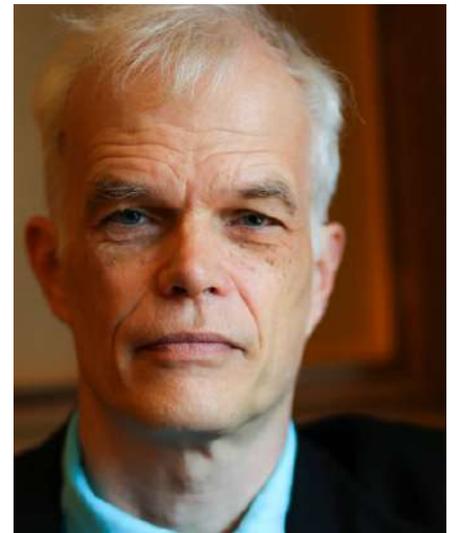
exceptionalism and played a key role in defining the values of the new country. Trumbull depicted the story of self-rule in the modern world—a story as important and as contested today as it was 250 years ago.

*“Richard Brookhiser brings his hard-earned knowledge to the founding era and his famously succinct style to the artist most responsible for our romanticized vision of the American Revolution. Brookhiser dissects John Trumbull’s ‘Glorious Lessons’ with an appreciative but critical eye.”—Joseph J. Ellis, author of The Cause: The American Revolution and Its Discontents, 1773–1783*

### About the Author

Richard Brookhiser is a biographer, and historian. He is a senior editor at the National Review and columnist for the New York Observer. He is most widely known for a series of biographies on American founders, including Alexander Hamilton, Governor Morris, and George Washington.

A graduate of Yale University, Brookhiser was awarded the National Medal of the Humanities in 2008, and in 2011 he was awarded a Guggenheim fellowship.



# Event Calendar

## **JUNE 16**

Harrodsburg 250th Veterans & Patriots Remembrance Ceremony  
11:30 AM EDT  
Old Mud Meetinghouse  
730 Dry Branch Road  
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

## **JULY 10-16**

134th Annual Congress  
All Day  
Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square  
25 South Queen Street  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

## **AUGUST 16**

Night Before Blue Licks Dinner  
5:30 PM EDT  
Blue Licks State Park  
10299 Maysville Road  
Carlisle, Kentucky

## **AUGUST 17**

Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service  
10:00 AM EDT  
Blue Licks State Park  
10299 Maysville Road  
Carlisle, Kentucky

## **AUGUST 17**

Kentucky Society Lunch  
11:30 AM EDT  
Blue Licks State Park  
10299 Maysville Road  
Carlisle, Kentucky

## **AUGUST 17**

Kentucky Society Summer Meeting  
1:00 PM EDT  
Blue Licks State Park  
10299 Maysville Road  
Carlisle, Kentucky

## **AUGUST 18**

Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony  
9:30 AM  
Bethel Presbyterian Church  
2620 Bethel Road  
Lexington, Kentucky

## **SEPTEMBER 14**

Liberty Tree Dedication  
12:00 PM CDT  
American Legion Veterans Park  
Veterans Way  
Leitchfield, Kentucky

## **SEPTEMBER 21**

Fort Jefferson Plaque Dedication  
10:00 AM CDT  
Fort Jefferson Hill Park  
CS-1016  
Wickliffe, Kentucky

## **SEPTEMBER 21**

Hubbell Grave Marking Ceremony  
2:00 PM EDT  
Highland Cemetery  
2167 Dixie Highway  
Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky

## **OCTOBER 3-5**

National Society Fall Leadership  
Various Times  
Galt House Hotel  
140 North Fourth Street  
Louisville, Kentucky

## **OCTOBER 12**

Patriot Monument Dedication & Grave Marking  
1:00 PM CDT  
Butler County Courthouse  
110 North Main Street  
Morgantown, Kentucky

## **JOTOBER 19**

Central District Annual Meeting  
Location and Time TBD  
Lawrenceburg, Indiana

## **NOVEMBER 2**

Chichester Matthews Grave Marking  
2:00 PM EST  
Sand Run Baptist Church Cemetery  
1327 North Bend Road  
Hebron, Kentucky

## **NOVEMBER 16**

Kentucky Society Fall State Meeting  
9:00 AM EST  
Community Hall  
200 Jim Owen Road  
Elizabethtown, Kentucky

